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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. EE-RM/TP-97-600]

RIN 1904-AA71

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures and Certification Requirements for Plumbing Products; and Certification Requirements for Residential Appliances

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Proposed rule; change of date for public hearing.

SUMMARY: On February 20, 1997 (62 FR 7834), the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) proposed regulations to codify water conservation standards and test procedures for plumbing products established in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, incorporate by reference the revised American Society of Mechanical Engineers/American National Standards Institute water conservation standard and test procedures for faucets and test procedures for showerheads, and provide for certification of compliance with plumbing product standards. In the same notice of proposed rulemaking, the Department also proposed to clarify the certification requirements applicable to all residential appliances.

The public hearing to provide comments and/or additional information on issues being considered by DOE, in its development of the Final Rule, was originally scheduled for March 31, 1997. To accommodate travel schedules and ensure the public has ample opportunity to attend, today's notice changes the date of the public hearing from March 31 to April 1, 1997. The location and time of the hearing remain unchanged (U.S. Department of

Energy, Forrestal Building, Room No. 1E–245, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.).

DATES: The public hearing will be held on April 1, 1997 in Washington, DC. Requests to speak at the hearing must be received by the Department no later than 4:00 p.m., March 21, 1997. Ten (10) copies of statements to be given at the public hearing must be received by the Department no later than 4:00 p.m., March 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to speak at the public hearing should be labeled Test Procedures and Certification Requirements for Plumbing Products; and Certification Requirements for Residential Appliances, Docket No. EE-RM/TP-97-600" and submitted or hand-delivered to the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Codes and Standards, Mail Stop EE-43, Room 1J-018, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-7574, Fax: (202) 586-4617.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION 12 CFR Parts 614 and 627

RIN 3502-AB09

Loan Policies and Operations; Title IV Conservators, Receivers, and Voluntary Liquidation

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration. **ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) through the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board) proposes to amend the current regulation in part 614 that governs the funding relationship between a Farm Credit Bank (FCB) or agricultural credit bank (ACB) and a direct lender association or other financing institution (OFI). This proposal would repeal the existing requirement for FCA prior approval of the General Financing Agreement (GFA) between an FCB or ACB and a direct lender association or OFI and eliminate a specific regulatory direct loan limitation. The proposed rule would also amend part 627 to authorize the voluntary liquidation of Farm Credit institutions by means of an FCA-approved liquidation plan.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before May 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed or delivered to Patricia W. DiMuzio, Director, Regulation Development Division, Office of Policy Development and Risk Control, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, VA 22102–5090 or by facsimile at (703) 734–5784. Comments may also be submitted via electronic mail to "regcomm@fca.gov." Copies of all communications received will be available for review by interested parties in the Office of Policy Development and Risk Control, Farm Credit Administration.

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